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| White male, date of birth  Social Security Account number home address  telephone number  was interviewed at his residence. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:  |
| has an extensive background in   |
| Russia on several occasions, beginning in 1972, and has visited nearly all of the oil refineries in the country.   |
| in 1987, which specialized in oil trading. was located at when subsequently  |
| moved  |
| At the time he severed ties with the Company had recently been granted a concession by the government of Kazakhstan to manage the PAVLODAR OIL REFINERY, located in the northern part of the country. Not long after taking over, discovered that this was a money losing proposition and sold his interest in and to local partners in Kazakhstan. A dispute ensued between and the government as to who bore responsibility for the financial problems at PAVLODAR.  was not involved in this dispute. |
| had never met or communicated with has heard of through mutual associates and acquaintances in the oil industry. never met anyone who had something positive to say about They generally described as being mean, obnoxious and difficult to deal with, both personally and professionally. heard that one of at MOBIL OIL.  |
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| Greenwich, Connecticut   |
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| for the<br>constrai   | television net   | ger be required in the privatization effort twork. She explained that due to budgetary stan, funding was not available to continue me.   |   |          |
| with in Kazak but with running Several terminat BOWERS. MERCATOR It appea | was limiters.  lawyer at MER a peripatetical around and transmonths after bound and transmonths after bound but did not or a red to in the limiters. | deal with. However, involvement ed to an occasional meeting in New York or dealt mainly with THOMAS BOWERS, who was RCATOR. He described BOWERS as a nice guy personality. BOWERS was constantly eveling at the beck and call of involvement with Kazakhstan was y of 1999 he received a telephone call from | - | 6<br>57C |

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| White Male, date of birth  Social Security Account number home address  home telephone number  was interviewed at his place of employment, SEMPRA  ENERGY, 58 Commerce Road, Stamford, Connecticut, telephone number  After being  advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature  of the interview, provided the following information:   | b6<br>b70 |
| Used to work for GLENN OZTEMEL SR., at SATRA CORPORATION, in the 1970s. OZTEMEL SR., now deceased, owned the Company, which specialized in importing and export goods primarily from Russia. worked as a trader for SATRA for approximately five years.   | ь6<br>ь70 |
| and full of energy. was eventually let go by OZTEMEL SR., who grew tired of overly ambitious tendencies. had ideas about the direction of SATRA's business that conflicted with OZTEMEL SR. had tried to convert other SATRA employees to his way of thinking, which didn't sit well with OZTEMEL SR. They did not part on the best of terms, and had no further contact with since the late 1970s. | ь6<br>ь70 |
| was aware that was under investigation based on recent media reports. He had never heard of company, THE MERCATOR CORPORATION, until reading about it in the newspaper. did not recognize the name THOMAS BOWERS, but promised to provide a list of names to the interviewing agents of possible business associates of   | ь6<br>ь7  |
| nvestigation on08/10/00 atWestport, Connecticut   |           |
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| INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC., 235 East 45th Street, 2nd floor, New York, NY, telephone number was interviewed at his place of employment. After being advised of the identity of the interviewing agents and the nature of the interview, provided the following information:   | ь6<br>ь70 |
| In 1996, INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC. was engaged to perform work for the government of Kazakhstan. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES INC. was hired by the MERCATOR CORPORATION in New York to assist in the privatization of the state run television network in Kazakhstan.  met during a golf outing. asked  if he knew anyone who had performed work or who was in the television business. The friend recommended and his company to assist in the privatization of the state run television network in Kazakhstan. | ь6<br>ь70 |
| developed a business plan and traveled to Kazakhstan on several occasions between 1996 and 1998. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES provided the Kazakhstan government with television programming for the privatization effort. INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES billed MERCATOR directly on a monthly basis for their fees, which averaged \$12,000 per month. MERCATOR paid INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES by check.  | ь6<br>ь70 |
| was also the of the state run television network in Kazakhstan. worked closely with between 1996 and 1998 in the privatization effort. He described as a smart, intelligent, professional woman who was well educated and knowledgeable about the television industry.  | ь6<br>ь70 |
| In or about February of 1999, contacted and told him that INTERNATIONAL MEDIA RESOURCES'  | b6<br>b7С |
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|              |              | large home in         | spent a lot of time in ose ties to government officials, including           | b7C        |
|              | <u> </u>     | an, and had cr        | In general, all oil deals  |            |
|              | involvino    | r foreign comp        | anies and the Kazakhstani government were                                    |            |
|              |              |                       | ually at the request of  |            |
|              |              |                       | -facto member of the Kazakhstani   | ı          |
|              |              |                       | to attend meetings between Kazagh officials te Department.                   |            |
|              |              |                       | tad langua fara fara mami aning and and anakhira                             | <b>b</b> 6 |
|              | together     |                       | ted large fees for reviewing and putting the region. For example, received a | b70        |
|              |              |                       | ately eleven cents per barrel for brokering                                  |            |
|              |              |                       | ransaction. Typically, a broker would  |            |
|              |              |                       | three cents per barrel as their fee.   |            |
|              |              |                       |  |            |
|              |              |                       | ware that was being investigated for   | b6<br>b70  |
|              | possible     | illegal activ         | ity with   | /          |
|              | L            | <del> </del>          |  |            |
|              | including    |                       | Several reporters had contacted  |            |
|              | over the     | past few week         | s, including   |            |
|              |              | After dis-as:         | sociating himself from   | <b>b</b> 6 |
|              |              |                       | h he runs from his residence with a  | b70        |
|              | partner,     |                       | is a consulting firm in the oil and  |            |
|              | energy se    | ervices indust:       |  |            |
|              | L            |                       | to construct a power plant in  |            |
|              | Azerbaija    | in.                   | ·  |            |
|              |              | ident                 | ified TOM BOWERS   | b6         |
|              |              |                       |  | b70        |
|              |              |                       | Greenwich, Connecticut, is a lawyer who                                      |            |
|              | has worke    |                       | in the past. BOWERS interceded on the  |            |
|              | behalf of    |                       | respect to the ongoing dispute over the                                      |            |
|              |              | refineryme worked for | also lived in Greenwich, and at THE SATRA GROUP in the                       |            |
|              | 1970s.       | THE MOT VER TOT       |  | •          |
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